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MARCH 1, 1837.

Read twice, and committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

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Mr. E. WHITTLESEY, from the Committee of Claims, reported the following bill:

**A BILL**

For the relief of the heirs of Robert Fulton.

1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives*  
2       *of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That*  
3       the Secretary of the Treasury pay to the heirs of Robert Fulton  
4       one hundred thousand dollars, for the services of said Robert  
5       Fulton in inventing a system of coast and harbor defence, and  
6       in testing its utility; and for his services for inventing and su-  
7       perintending the construction of a steam-frigate, at New York,  
8       during and after the late war, and for the use of his patent for  
9       steam-frigates; and for the detention of his steamboat Vesuvius,  
10      impressed into the service of the United States, and detained  
11      from the thirtieth of December, eighteen hundred and fourteen,  
12      to the twelfth of March, eighteen hundred and fifteen, both days  
13      inclusive; and for the damage done to said boat, while she was  
14      aground at New Orleans.